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Dear Water and/or Wastewater Utility Representative:

Rising energy costs can be a major challenge for water and wastewater utilities in our region. To address this issue, the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed a training program, co-sponsored by the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the Missouri University of Science and Technology Public Entity Environmental Management Systems Resource (PEER) Center, the Kansas State University Pollution Prevention Institute PEER Center, and the EPA Office of Water to help utilities assess their current energy management programs and make improvements.


This program, which includes an energy management workbook, will teach participants how to set measurable energy goals and manage energy issues to reduce consumption, and implement plans to follow through on energy reduction goals. This workshop will be held on July 22, 2008, at the EPA Caves. Yes, these are real caves that are part of the Hunt Midwest Industrial Park located at 8600 NE Underground Drive, Pillar 253, Door 32, in Kansas City, Missouri. EPA leases spaces there for storage of field equipment as well as office and conference space for conducting emergency management operations. If you have not visited a working cave, I believe you will find this an interesting experience.

The workshop is designed to provide energy management concepts, tools and techniques to help move water and wastewater utilities toward energy efficient operations. EPA and co-sponsors urge you to attend this workshop to help you prepare for energy reductions in 2008. For registration, please see the enclosed brochure or go to our web site at [http://www.epa.gov/region07/news\\_events/events/energy\\_management\\_workshop.htm](http://www.epa.gov/region07/news_events/events/energy_management_workshop.htm). Also enclosed is an agenda, a list of hotels convenient to the workshop location, and a map with directions for driving to the EPA Cave.

EPA and co-sponsors will be planning additional activities in the future to help water and wastewater system managers reduce energy use and incorporate the use of renewable energy into their operations. Please watch for these announcements and continue to check our web site for additional information.

If you have questions, please contact Kerry Herndon, EPA Region VII's Sustainable Infrastructure Coordinator, at (913) 551-7286 or by email at [herndon.kerry@epa.gov](mailto:herndon.kerry@epa.gov).

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

